

STATE SENATOR . MICHAEL PRUSI . 38TH DISTRICT
Prusi Press Release

P.O. Box 30036 • Lansing • Michigan • 48909-7536 • 517-373-7840 • Fax: 517-373-3932
E-mail: senmprusi@senate.michigan.gov • www.senate.state.mi.us/dem/SD38



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 3, 2003

Contact: Senator Mike Prusi
Phone: 517-373-7840
Toll Free: 866-305-2038

**SEN. PRUSI ANNOUNCES WESTERN UP MICHIGAN WORKS! TO RECEIVE
\$373,000 IN WORKFORCE TRAINING FUNDING FROM STATE**

LANSING – Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) announces that the Western UP Michigan Works! Agency will receive \$373,000 in funding for its workforce training from the Michigan Department of Career Development.

“This funding will help provide training for workers looking for a job or in need of retraining,” Prusi said. “With the weak economy and rising unemployment rate, people need every chance they can get to secure a good job. These programs can help make workers more employable and give them an edge in the job market.”

Funding for the various worker training and youth programs has been made available by the federal Workforce Investment Act, which is administered through the Michigan Department of Career Development.

The funding breakdown is as follows:

- \$350,729 for the Dislocated Worker Program. This program provides workforce investment activities that increase the employment, retention, earnings, and occupational skill level of participants.
- \$22,272 for the Incumbent Worker Program. This program aids in averting layoffs through worker training by providing companies with a skilled workforce that promotes worker retention.

For more information about the Michigan Department of Career Development, visit its web site at: www.michigan.gov/mdcd

For more information about Western Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!, visit its web site at: <http://www.westupmwa.org/>

Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes 13 of the 15 Upper Peninsula counties.

#####